



OUR POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS
I CARE ABOUT LEARNING.
I CARE ABOUT MYSELF AND OTHERS.
I CARE ABOUT MY SAFETY.

Thursday 5 March 2015

MAREEBA STATE SCHOOL

**“Every day, in every classroom,
every child is learning and achieving”**

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**“Every day in every classroom,
every child is ready to learn and achieve”**

PEER SUPPORTERS



Some of our wonderful Peer Supporters who help in the Prep and Year 1 playgrounds.

EVERY DAY COUNTS FOR YOUR CHILD!

Every day you are at school is one more day of learning!

Mareeba SS Sentinel

Working Together As One

OUR P&C MEETS THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00PM

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Student absence line - 4092 8166**



ADMIN NEWS

Read! Read! Read!

Research tells us that when parents engage with their children's learning, outcomes improve and schools perform better, irrespective of family income or student background. When bridges are built between families and schools, parents and teachers learn more about one another's strengths, experiences and expectations for children.

Our goal at Mareeba SS is to work closely with families to ensure the best possible outcomes for each of our students. Besides participating in school activities such as the annual Meet and Greet BBQ, our Information Night and our parent workshops such as the upcoming Reading Workshop (March 5), the Day Out in Your School event and the parent teacher interviews scheduled for 30 & 31 March, we encourage parents to take an active interest in the work their child is completing in class.

As Reading is a priority in our school, we particularly encourage parents and carers to read with their children on a regular basis. I have listed a website below that may be of interest to you with regard to supporting your child's literacy and numeracy development:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/>

Classroom Observations:

As the classroom routines become embedded for the year, the Leadership Team undertake regular classroom observations and walkthrough visits. It has been my pleasure to be able to undertake lesson observations in a number of classrooms already this term. It is my aim to have spent an entire session in every classroom before the end of the semester. The focus of my observations has been teachers' use of the Explicit Teaching methodology which you will have heard referred to as *I Do, We Do,*

You Do in our school and consolidations or Warm Ups. I am pleased to be able to report that I have seen excellent teaching practices in each of the classrooms that I have visited to date. It is impressive to witness the quality of the teaching and the dedication of our wonderful staff in action in our classrooms every day. As we continue to refine our teaching, we also look forward to feedback from one of our school's coaches, Mr John Fleming, who will be visiting our school from Melbourne next term.

Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to all those classes who have been achieving fantastic rates of attendance!

These classes deserve special mention:

An awesome effort everyone. Well done!

4A - 99.4%	Prep C - 6.2%
5A - 98.8%	2T - 95.8%
5G - 98.4%	6L - 95.6%
Prep O - 8.2%	1B - 95.4%
5E - 98%	1F - 95.4%
2W - 97.6%	6S - 95.2%
4B - 97.4%	

Our school attendance rate is showing a pleasing improvement with our year-to-date attendance at 91.8% which compares to 87.8% for this same time last year. Let's keep up this great effort.

If your child needs to be away for an unavoidable reason, please let the office know so we can account for their absence.

Mrs Mandy Whybird (A/Principal)

Mrs Nyree Burton (Deputy Principal: Years 1-3)

Mrs Hannah Simpson (Deputy Principal: Years 4-6)

YEAR ONE HISTORY

This term, as part of our History unit, Year Ones have been exploring moments in time. We have been recording significant events in our school year so far and discussing why these memories are important to us. We were lucky enough to have one of our staff members, Mrs Ann Wareing, visit our classrooms to discuss her memories of significant events in her life. She brought along some very interesting items to share with us.

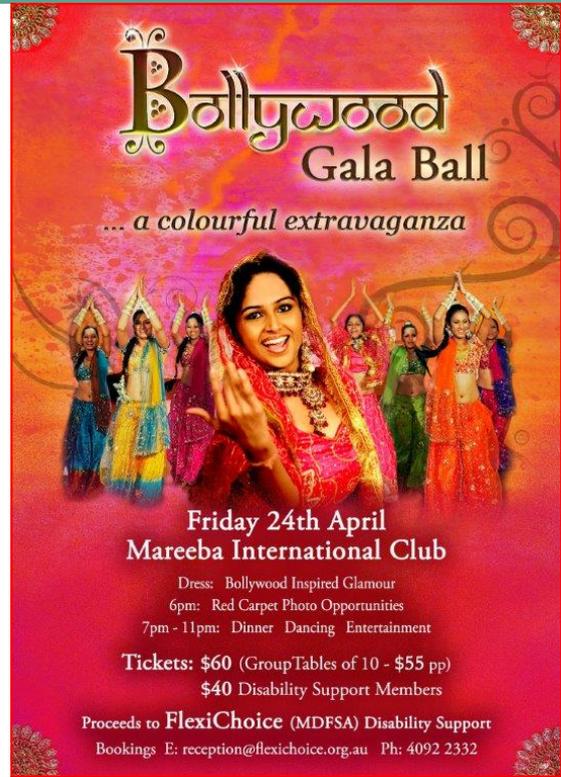
When Mrs Wareing was at school, she wrote on a slate with a slate pencil. Later on, she used ink kept in inkwells to fill her pen. She showed us irons that had to be heated on the fire and a toy treadle sewing machine. In her youth, sewing machines were operated by foot power, not electricity!

Mrs Wareing's visit was a clear example to us all that, as time passes, life changes quite dramatically and that it is important to preserve and share our memories for future generations.



SUTHERLAND ST PARKING

A friendly reminder to please leave the parking bays outside Sutherland St Kindy free for Kindy mums to use.



PURPLE DAY for EPILEPSY QUEENSLAND FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

Come to school wearing **purple** on Friday 13th March and donate a **gold coin** to help raise funds towards Epilepsy Queensland. We currently have a number of students at Mareeba SS that have epilepsy so supporting this fund supports our students.

Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing (no singlets, no short skirts or shorts, no midriffs showing).

Stuck for ideas wear purple socks or a purple T-shirt. Students must wear their normal school shoes.

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

PHONE 4092 1575

The Dental Clinic offers a free service available to all students. If you would like your child to visit the clinic, please don't hesitate to phone for a suitable appointment time.



Looking forward to
seeing you soon.





Prep Storytime

The Prep Storytime sessions will occur every Wednesday at 8:25am in the Prep Hut (between the Prep buildings).

All Prep parents & students are welcome to attend and hear some stories before they go to class.



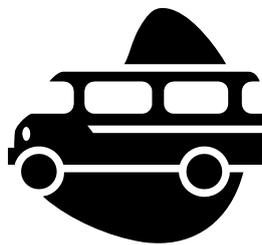
Further information please

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van has arrived and will be here until 19th March.

Every class will be attending the van and each child receives a workbook.

It is not too late to pay. Please pay the \$6.00 fee at the school office.



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Wow! I can't believe we into week 6! It's been so great to see our students really working hard to get their 'I care Tickets' for positive behaviour around the school. 'I Care Trophy' winners last week were:

- Prep-year 1 winner 1Q
- Year 2-3 winner is 2W
- Year 4-6 winner is 4O

Congratulations to these classes, don't forget the winning class for each category wins a **SUBWAY PARTY** at the end of term.

It also great to see classes working hard on their "You Can Do It" programs. Last fortnight our classes have been focussing on **Thinking**, **Feeling** and **Behaviour**. This links in well with our fortnightly rule of 'I follow steps to solve problems'. Well done to the many students who are following steps to solve problems like talking to our duty teachers when there is an issue in the playground.

Cantata Performances in North QLD

The Cantata "Holy Spirit, Breath of God" is currently being prepared for performances in Atherton, Mareeba and Kuranda at the end of the month. This cantata draws on the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament to trace the movement of the Holy Spirit throughout time. This Spirit is described as "breath". It is the in-breathing of God's Spirit that has moved individuals and inspired action since time began and continues to inspire and create in the world today.

Soloists, a narrator, an instrumental ensemble together with the fifty strong choir will perform in **Kuranda at the Cairns Hinterland Steiner School on Friday, March 27th at 7.30pm**, in the **Uniting Church in Atherton on Sunday afternoon, March 29th at 4pm** and in **St Thomas' Catholic Church in Mareeba on that same Sunday at 7.45 pm**.

There is no charge for admission but a donation towards expenses would be appreciated. The performance lasts approximately one hour. For further information contact Ruth on 4093 0303.

Student Reading & Homework Café

The Student Reading & Homework Café occurs every Tuesday and Thursday morning, in the library, from 8:30 – 8:55am.

All parents & carers who are able to volunteer time to hear students read would be gladly welcomed.

Further information please contact Valerie Dayes in the library (4092 8167).



DATE CLAMER

Mar 17 P&C AGM
 Mar 19 & 20 School Photos
 Mar 18 Day Out in Your School
 (Meet & Greet for Indigenous Parents)
 Mar 30 & 31 Parent/Teacher Interviews
 Apr 2 Last Day of Term 1
 MSS Cross Country

RESOURCE SCHEME

Parents and carers are welcome to call in at the office and pay the annual resource fee of \$50. EFTPOS is available. If you are unable to pay the total amount, we accept part payments. All monies go directly towards purchasing resources for classrooms. Thank you to the following families who have recently paid:

Srhoj (5E, 5G, 3WK)	Mukadi (Prep C)
Butler (6S, 3WK, 1Q)	Richardson (5G)
Kearney (2T, 1F)	Cagnin (5C)
McKellar (1F)	Gutchen (4C)
Stankovich (6C)	Stankovich (Prep P)
Banjo (6L, 5E)	Lauder (4,5,6T)
Jaszczyszyn (1Q)	

PARKING

Just a reminder that the “Drop Off” Zone is exactly that. It is for dropping off and has a 2min time limit. It is not a parking spot.



Also, please remember that the parking zones directly outside the office are for staff. If you need to pick up children during the day early you can park in the bus zone—just check the times.

INCLUSIVE PRACTICE UNIT NEWS

Term 1 has seen lots of changes happening at the unit. To begin with, our name is now ‘Inclusive Practice Unit’, or IPU, to reflect our focus that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving in a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment.

We have also said goodbye to some of our team members. Ms Heidi has had to take time off work following surgery on her hand; Ms Bridget has taken up a position at Mt Surprise School, and Mrs Stark is having some time off.

Replacements for these staff are:

- * Lyn Ellis Head of Inclusive Practice,
- * Mrs Ann Wareing 1,2,3Z
- * Mrs Everingham Family Group.



The children in the different classes have been working very hard at settling into their new routines. Family Group have been focusing on different elements of texts, and have been learning about timetables. 1,2,3 have been enjoying History lessons, and talking about members of their families. 4,5,6 T have been discovering the marvels of the Great Barrier Reef, and how organisms work together to make coral. Maths focus has been on money, and Literacy on rhyming words. Our AUSLAN aides are teaching many of the staff how to sign, and are conducting lessons for students at lunch time on Thursday and Friday. These students have been involved in school parades and are going to work with some Kindergarten groups soon.